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In re Patent No. 7,536,363 :  
Application No.: 09/868,695 :  
Int. Filing Date: February 8, 1999 :  
Attorney Docket No.: 0522200171 :  
For: GOAL BASED SYSTEM, UTILIZING A :  
TABLE BASED ARCHITECTURE :

**DECISION**

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) filed August 30, 2011, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§120, and 365(c) for the benefit of the prior-filed application set forth in the concurrently filed amendment to the specification.

The renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). The petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Items (2) and (3) were provided in the initial petition. With regards to item (1), applicants provided an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 which states that this application is the national stage of PCT/US1999/002737 filed February 8, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. application no. 09/218,945 (now Patent No. 6,542,880) filed on December 22, 1998.

All items of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) are now complete.

***The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) should not be construed as meaning that this***

***application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether this application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.***

Any questions concerning this decision may be directed to James Thomson at (571) 272-3302.

This matter is being referred to the Certificate of Corrections Branch of the Office of Publications for appropriate action on the request for certificate of correction filed concurrently with this renewed petition.



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